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**ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
MINUTES**

June 3, 2010

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants met Thursday, June 3, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Houle, PA-C, Chair
Pamela Bailey, PA-C, Vice-Chair
Erwin Fender, PA-C

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rev. Leonard Lovett, Ph.D
Kenneth Frumkin, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
ShaRon Clanton, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Zane Reasoner, VAPA
Tyler Cox, MSV

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Houle called the meeting to order and announced the Emergency Evacuation Instructions for Conference Room One.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called, and a quorum declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2010

Mr. Fender moved to approve the minutes dated June 4, 2009. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Fender moved to approve the adoption of the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None of the public present offered comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Status of Proposed Changes to 18VAC85-50-56 (B)

Ms. Yeatts presented the decision of the May 2010 Legislative Committee not to recommend to the full Board the Advisory Board's recommendation that section 18VAC85-50-56B of the Board's regulations be deleted. The Advisory Board took no further action, but wished to have it acknowledged that the renewal requirements for PA's are more stringent than for physicians.

2. PA Current Application Structure

Ms. Bailey presented an e-mail from a PA concerned about invasive procedure approval. After much discussion, Mr. Fender moved to allow any of a PA's multiple supervising physicians to attest to having observed an invasive procedure three or more times for approval by the board office. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

3. 4th Visit Rule

Zane Reasoner asked that the Advisory Board develop language for consideration by the Legislative Committee in September regarding the 4th visit rule in section 18VAC85-50-101. Ms. Bailey moved to recommend the following:

Review the clinical course and treatment plan for any patient who presents for the same acute complaint twice in a single episode of care and has failed to improve as expected. The supervising physician shall be involved with any patient with a continuing illness as noted in the PA/Physician Protocol for the evaluation process.

Her motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

4. Board members expiring terms

Dr. Harp informed the Advisory Board that all member's terms expire 6/30/10, and that no new appointments have yet been made.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

October 7, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bailey moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.

Diane Houle, PA-C, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

ShaRon Clanton, Recording Secretary